

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1046

By Whitson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel James A. Clifton (retired) of the United States Army.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary citizens who have devoted their careers and themselves to service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, one such heroic citizen is Colonel James A. Clifton (retired), who rendered meritorious service to this nation as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, born on April 3, 1937, in Springfield, Colonel Clifton studied at Tennessee Technological University, where he was enrolled as a cadet in the Army ROTC program and was designated a Distinguished Military Student and Distinguished Military Graduate; he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant Armor Officer on June 5, 1959, and entered active duty from Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, the key assignments of his military career include Platoon Leader – 69th Armored Regiment, 2nd Division, Fort Benning, Georgia; Division QM Supply & POL (Petroleum, Oils & Lubricants) Officer, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia; Chief of Administration and Services, QM Terminal District, U.S. Army Europe; Adjutant Officer, U.S. Army POL (Petroleum, Oils & Lubricants) District Command, U.S. Army Europe; Chief Materiel Branch, U.S. Military Mission Saudi Arabia; Company Commander, Fort Lee, Virginia; Logistics and Plans Staff Officer, Long Binh, Republic of South Vietnam; and Senior Instructor, QM School, Fort Lee, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, his notable assignments further include Director of Petroleum Services, U.S. Army Materiel Management Center, West Germany; POL (Petroleum, Oils & Lubricants) Logistics Officer, Department of the Army, Pentagon; 1980 Presidential Inaugural Special Event

Coordination Officer, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Pentagon; Logistics Staff Officer, U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Commander, U.S. Army Material & POL (Petroleum, Oils & Lubricants) Activity, New Cumberland Army Depot, Virginia; and Chief of Staff, Defense Industrial Supply Activity, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, after completing his Combat Arms detail as an Armor Officer, he was selected for service as a Quartermaster Officer; as an officer in the Quartermaster Corps, Colonel Clifton provided a host of vital services to soldiers in the United States, West Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam throughout his career. He supported the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of general supply, subsistences, petroleum (POL) and water, and material and distribution management during peace and war to provide combat power to the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James Clifton retired as a Regular Army Officer on May 6, 1988, after twenty-nine and a half years of distinguished military service to our nation, for which he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Army Staff Identification Badge; and

WHEREAS, in addition to earning his undergraduate degree from Tennessee Technological University, he received a Master of Science degree from the University of Missouri Rolla, and his military education included U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Procurement Management Course, Quartermaster Advanced Course, and Armor Officer Basic Course; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many accomplishments, Colonel James Clifton has been blessed with the love and support of his wife, Judy, and children, Chris and Steven; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Colonel Clifton should be specially recognized for his service as a distinguished leader of the greatest dedication and ability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Colonel James A. Clifton (retired) for his exemplary service with the United States Army, thank him for his many years of devoted service to our State and nation, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.